

5 STATES ARE HIT BY HARD FREEZE

Fruit in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri Ruined by Cold Snap

GRAIN CROPS SUFFERED

Wheat, Oats and Alfalfa Are
Badly Damaged; Total Loss
Not Yet Estimated

11 MILLIONS STATE'S LOSS

That's Whitehurst Estimate of Oklahoma Damage; Kay

KANSAS CITY, March 28. Based upon reports from many districts of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, officials of farm and horticultural associations here said tonight that enormous damage had been caused by freezing temperatures which prevailed over the southwest last night.

Little hope for early fruit crops in Missouri and Kansas was indicated, although it was said that the later crops probably had not suffered materially.

Found Fruit in Full Bloom.

The golden cold snap was preceded by warm weather in most localities and officials said in many places fruit trees were in bloom. Grain crops are said to have been well advanced and in some sections

Oklahoma's state board of agriculture estimated today that the loss of early fruit in that state would approximate \$11,250,000 and said

Ice Covers Missouri. Springfield reported a sheet of snow and ice covering southern Missouri this morning. All early varieties of apples, peaches, plums, pears and cherries were in full bloom and the loss undoubtedly will be large, orchardists said. Another freeze was predicted for tonight in that area.

tion. Strawberry and other berry crops are not believed to have suffered.

Wichita, Kan., and the Arkansas valley found its fields of early grains frozen down this morning. Wheat which had not been pastured was particularly, and early oats, which had not been plowed, suffered on account of the open season. A greater freeze. Alfalfa fields were all discolored and no fruit is expected this year in that section excepted this year in protected orchards, the reports said.

The peach and apricot crop at Arkansas City, Kan., and vicinity is a total loss, reports indicated, and a complete survey of the damage will not be made until after the thaw.

11 MILLIONS, STATE LOSS, WHITEHURST ESTIMATES.
By Associated Press Staff Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 24.—Oklahoma's estimated loss of approximately \$11,350,000, when the

per cent of the fruit crop in the state was destroyed last night by freezing temperature, according to a statement today by John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board

**FREEZE HITS ARKANSAS
FRUIT BELT ALSO**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28. Freezing temperature last night was reported today from the northwest Arkansas fruit belt and temperatures of 25 to 30 degrees are predicted for that section tonight by the meteorologist at the local weather bureau. C. S. Houston, statistician for the United States bureau of crop estimates in Arkansas, said today that in most cases fruit

was far enough advanced to with-
stand a temperature of 28 degrees if
the thawing elements did not too rapid-
ly. Frost in other sections of the state
is not believed to have been dam-
aged by the cold wave.

**ONE DIES OF FRIGHT WHEN
STORM HITS TEXAS**

LONGVIEW, Texas, March 28.—
One person is dead and four others
injured as the result of a wind and
hail storm that swept the Spring Hill
community seven miles from Long-
view last night. A number of build-
ings were wrecked but the amount

of property loss is not known.

Mrs. J. C. Rodden died of fright when the storm struck her home.

Mrs. Richard Castleberry and Mrs. James Ramsey and her two children were seriously injured when their homes were blown down.

**KAY COUNTY HARD HIT,
MOST OF FRUIT LOST**

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PONCA CITY, March 28.—A

fruit but apples is killed in Kay and adjoining counties as the result of last night's freeze, according to **CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT** information received by the local

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